## **REMARKS**

# With reference to the Claims:

#### Amendment of **Claim 1**:

To conform to Examiner's directive; to include omitted words; and to capitalize first word "A". Deletion of "exercise", previously with a strike-through, is now also shown with brackets for the sake of consistency with bracketed "the cam-buckles are" as Examiner indicated they "must" be.

Note, however, the matter of word deletion style for five words or less appears to be discretionary under 37 CFR 1.121(c)(2) and could presumably have been made herein by striking-through. No changes are, therefore, made to claims not addressed by the Examiner even though strike-through deletions were previously adopted for them.

## Addition of Claim 16:

To expunge superfluous words erroneously included upon previous submission

## AMENDMENT'S EFFECT UPON THE NUMBER OF CLAIMS

The number of independent claims is unchanged, remaining at two, but

the total number of claims has increased from 14 to 15.

Loyd W. Bonneville, Attorney Registration No. 35,453

Drafted by

LOYD W. BONNEVILLE Patent Attorney 1213 Amsterdam Ave. Madison WI 53716 PH: (608) 222-7535

FAX: (608) 223-1018